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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of paragraphs 180 and 181 of the final communiqué of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 18 to 20 May 1998, which refer to the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and some Western States.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Abuzed O. DORDA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

The Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 18 to 20 May 1998, completed its work on the morning of 21 May 1998 and issued a final communiqué containing the following statements concerning the Lockerbie case:

1. The dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and some Western States

"180. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation reconfirmed the position of the Movement, as stated in the final communiqué of the 11th Summit held in Cartagena, and expressed their concern over the absence of any response on the part of the concerned Western countries to the efforts made by regional and international organizations aimed at reaching a peaceful settlement, based on the principles of international law, and the accelerated lifting of the air embargo and the other measures imposed on Libya, pursuant to Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993). They further emphasized that the escalation of force as a means of managing of relations among States constitutes a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of the Non-Aligned Movement. They reiterated their support for the proposals jointly submitted by the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, and endorsed by the Summit of African heads of State and Government in its 33rd regular session held in Harare in 1997.

"181. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation welcomed the judgments of the International Court of Justice dated 27 February 1998 stipulating that it is competent to look into the case and calls on the United Nations Security Council to immediately suspend the sanctions imposed upon Libya by Security Council resolution No. 748 (1992) and 883 (1993) until the International Court of Justice delivers a final judgment on the case referred to it in accordance with the United Nations Charter relieving the suffering of the Libyan Arab people, and in order to put back the case on its legal track. Unless the countries concerned respond to these proposals by the next periodic review in July 1998, the Ministers recommend that the 12th Summit of the Movement, emanating from article 25 of the Charter and because these sanctions are in violation of articles 27 (3), 32, 33, 36 and 94 of the Charter, adopt a resolution that would put an end to compliance with the sanctions resolutions in view of the immense harmful effects, both human and economic, they have caused the Libyan Arab people and to some peoples of the States members of the Non-Aligned Movement. In this regard, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation have decided to establish a Ministerial Committee integrated by South Africa, Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Laos and Burkina Faso, with the aim of following up the development of the dispute, and to exert further efforts towards the implementation of one of the alternatives, which has already been adopted by the Movement, in order to reach a prompt, peaceful and a just settlement to the dispute."